

THAT FIRST GUN

I was sick in the hospital
for about a month
in & out of a coma
they called it virus x
one of those epidemics
that was killing toddlers
high temperature
dehydration
history
my mother brought me a gun
it was dark in the hospital room
I aimed it at the wall & squeezed
a cartoon in color!
I kept right on squeezing
it was quite a gun
years later I was trained with the 38
it was very loud
had a recoil
nowhere near as much fun

HERE'S HOPING

I made 25 phone calls
distributed leaflets
slid poll cards under doors
typed up lists of pro rent control pols
put a lawn sign out front
tomorrow I'll stand
at the polls with a sign
for a couple of hours
I'll be voting too of course
we go thru this every 2 years
the opposition changes tactics
but the goal is always the same
Cambridge is the only city left
with rent control
Brookline - Somerville - Boston
have all lost it
during the Reagan years
the man being honored
by Nixon Ford & Bush
as his library opens
what a joke
Louis L'Amour allegedly turns him on
I doubt if anything
commands that man's interest
except for money
& those who amass quantities of it